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I'm inviting non-Aboriginal Canadians to embrace what hurts. To me, true patriotism is when you face up to the issues that aren't in alignment with your national values.

-Cindy Blackstock

Canada Day

Today is Canada Day, the celebration of the birth of the country we call home, but Canada was home to Indigenous peoples long before it became a constitutional monarchy. In the last couple years many of us have been reflecting on what it means to be Canadian in light of the legacy of residential schools, and I encourage you to continue dwelling in the mixed emotions this day elicits. Yet, we also celebrate our diversifying country and progressive politics. It's ok for this day to feel complicated.

A reminder though, MCC Toronto is part of something bigger than ourselves, bigger than our country. We are part of a global denomination and movement - The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches with congregations in the Philippines and Australia, South Africa and South Korea, Cuba, and Germany, Scotland and Brazil, just to name a few!

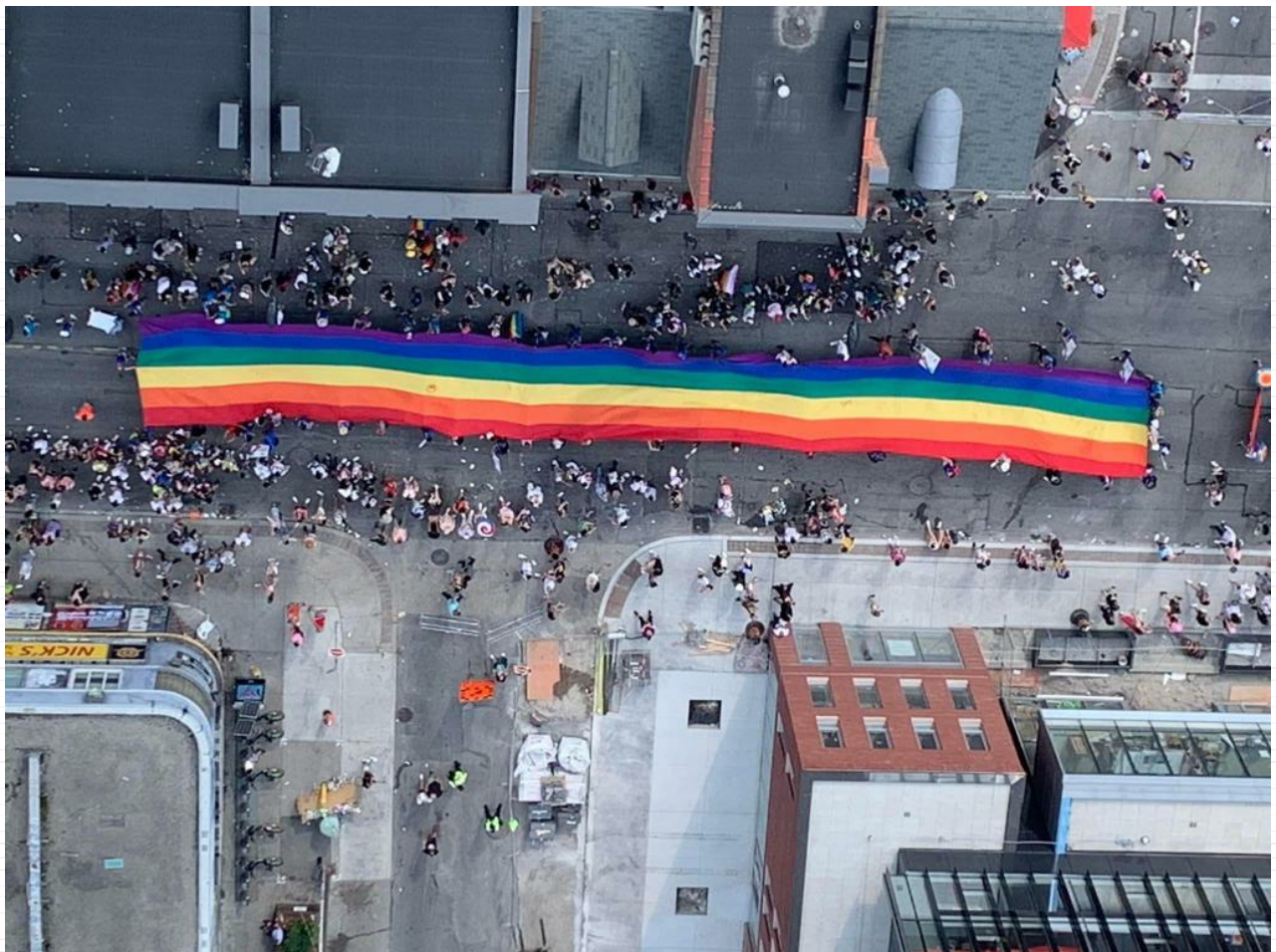
Today also marks the first day of our UFMCC General Conference, a global gathering that happens every 3 years. This time due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the gathering will be virtual with a social and educational component July 1-3 and a business meeting July 16-17. A huge thanks to lay delegates James D'astolfo, Catherine Meade, JJ Viviers, Janet Fitzsimmons and Andrew Fleming who will be taking part representing our congregation along with Rev. June, Rev. Deana and myself.

For more information on the UFMCC General Conference please see:
<https://generalconference.mccchurch.org/>

**-Rev. Jeff Rock,
Senior Pastor**

Pride in Photos

We want to thank everyone who took photos of our Pride celebrations and tagged us on social media. We are especially grateful to **Jim Woodbridge** who captured some beautiful moments in our **Church at Church Pride Celebration Service!**







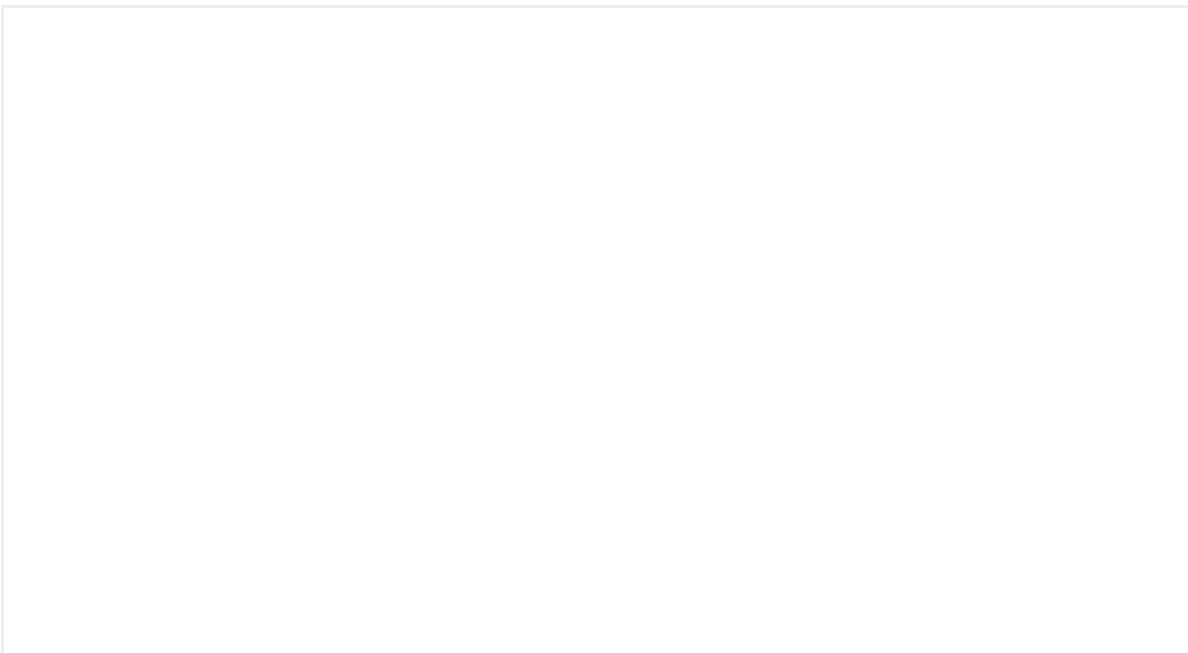
If you want to see more of Jim's work, follow him on Instagram [@woodbridgejim](https://www.instagram.com/woodbridgejim)

Honouring Our Heroes Awards

This year's Honouring Our Heroes award was presented to **Amita Kuttner**, the Interim Leader of the Green Party of Canada. To learn about Amita's impressive work and why he is our **2022 Unsung Hero Award recipient**, watch the clip below!



Musical Guests





Just Prince is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Just Prince is a singer-songwriter based in Toronto. His music brings together colors of Eastern and western music in a way that's unique with the intention of humility and togetherness.

He has released 1 EP and 12 Singles which are in English, Hindi and Punjabi and is working on more music. He has also played venues like El Mocambo, Horseshoe Tavern and plays every other Saturday at Oud and Fuzz.

Check out his [Spotify](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THIS SERVICE ONLINE](#)

Anniversary Sunday

As we prepare for our 49th Anniversary Sunday celebration on July 17, we invite our members and congregants to consider the opportunity to nominate someone for any of our three annual awards:

The Beloved Disciple Award

Presented for long-term, distinguished service to the church. May only be bestowed once to members of 10+ years

The Community Service Award

Presented to remarkable people who have made a significant contribution to our wider community

The Vision Alive Award

Presented to individuals who have taken part in the vision for our church and made it happen. May only be bestowed once per project

[NOMINATION FORM NOW OPEN](#)

Volunteer with us!

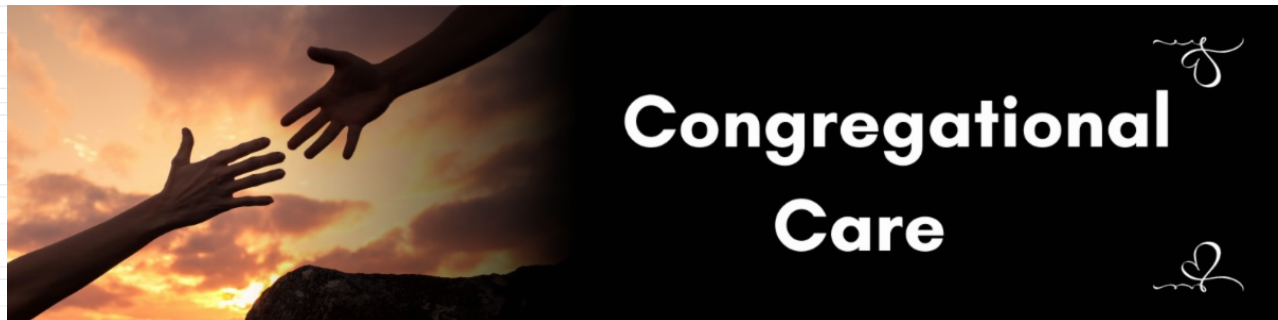
Volunteers have always been at the heart of MCC Toronto. We would not be the strong, inclusive and welcoming community we are, without the support and dedication of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and our other public programs.

Right now we urgently need volunteers familiar with **webcasting, sound operation multimedia**.

We are also looking for volunteer **Digital Ushers** to serve on a once-a-month basis as a welcoming online moderator for our livestreamed Worship Services.

To sign up for these or other opportunities, please click the link below.

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE](#)



Taking care of each other is more important than ever these days, and if you are in need of some care we are here for you. Just hop on the link below and fill out the form to let one of our pastors know about your needs.

Want to learn more? [Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin!](#)

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Every Gift is a Blessing. Please consider making a gift to MCC Toronto today.

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**Online and In-Person Programming
July 3 - 9**

JULY
03 - 09

SUNDAY

03

11 AM - Online and In-Person
Sunday Service

MONDAY

04

TUESDAY

05

WEDNESDAY

06

THURSDAY

07

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder
Group Discussion
(ZOOM)

FRIDAY

08

SATURDAY

09

Sunday:

11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service

Thursday:

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion
(Email: everwonder@mcctoronto.com)



Sunday Digital Coffee Hour

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Sunday | 1 PM

**There will be no Digital Coffee Hour
on July 3**

Join us for

Online and In-Person Worship Services

Sunday 11 AM | In-Person | MCC Toronto YouTube

Sunday Service Worship

Online | 11 AM | In-person | MCC Toronto YouTube

Share Us Digitally!

If you know of anyone who might be interested in anything we're doing at MCC Toronto please invite them to join us digitally via the button below.

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We'd love to hear from you!

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